

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 2010 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the fiscal year 2009 amount, the 2010 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 2010 follow:

[In thousands of dollars]

New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2009	38,790,958
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2010	32,382,043
House bill, fiscal year 2010	32,354,850
Senate bill, fiscal year 2010	32,153,734
Conference agreement, fiscal year 2010	32,294,848
Conference agreement compared with:	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2009	-6,496,110
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2010	-87,195
House bill, fiscal year 2010	-60,002
Senate bill, fiscal year 2010	+141,114

DIVISION B—FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, 2010

Division B provides further continuing appropriations for agencies and activities that would be covered by the regular fiscal year 2010 appropriations bills not yet enacted into law. Specifically, language is included amending the first fiscal year 2010 continuing resolution (division B of Public Law 111-68) to extend its general expiration date to December 18 2009, to add certain additional necessary extensions, and to make technical corrections.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 additional 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HEALTH CARE REFORM: WILL WE STAND FOR THE PEOPLE OR FOR THE INSURANCE COMPANIES?

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, health care is a basic right in a democ-

racy and a moral responsibility of our government consistent with the preamble and the Constitution itself; yet we are being told that it's not possible to have the kind of single-payer health system which every industrialized democracy in the world has.

We compromised single-payer with a public option. We're being asked to compromise a public option with negotiated rates. In conference, we'll be asked to compromise negotiated rates with a trigger.

In all of this, in each and every step, the insurance companies win. They get \$900 billion in new taxpayer subsidies. They get to raise their premiums, increase their copays and their deductibles, while the public is forced to pay for private insurance, and the insurance companies win big.

If this is the best we can do, then it's time to ask ourselves whether the two-party system is truly capable of representing the American people or whether it's become so compromised by special interests that it can't even protect the health of our own people.

This is a moment of truth for the Democratic Party in particular. Will we stand for the people or for the insurance companies? Will we have a true public option or will we be co-opted?

THE LIBERTY TREE AXED BY THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, talk radio today is like the Liberty Tree in Revolutionary War times.

The first Liberty Tree was in Boston where the Sons of Liberty would gather around a large elm tree in the public square. They would talk about the issues of the day and voice their political opinions. Anyone could speak. But the British military cut down the Liberty Tree because colonists spoke out against taxes and the King.

Now it sounds like the redcoats over at the FCC are trying to put the ax to the Liberty Tree of free speech again. They say they need to protect the American people from hearing things that are just too controversial. So their answer is to control the speech content of those radio rebels. The redcoats at the FCC say they must determine what the masses hear.

Mr. Speaker, the notion that anyone in the Federal Government has the right to censor political speech is an affront to a free people. The Constitution protects political speech because it's sacred. We defeated the British because they wanted to control speech, and now it's time for those who still believe in the First Amendment to defy the redcoats at the FCC.

And that's just the way it is.

INTRODUCING LOCOMOTIVE TAX CREDIT

(Mrs. DAHLKEMPER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DAHLKEMPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce that I am introducing new legislation to create and save valuable manufacturing jobs and support our Nation's rail transportation industry.

The Locomotive Fleet Investment and Tax Credit Act of 2009 creates a 30 percent tax credit to encourage the purchase, sale, and manufacture of long-haul freight, passenger, and switch locomotives.

The locomotive industry in the United States provides more than 125,000 direct jobs and supports thousands more. This tax credit will create jobs by helping boost the sale of freight long haul, passenger, and switch locomotives by making fleet investment more affordable for our Nation's rail companies.

In addition to saving and creating jobs, my bill will help put more efficient, cleaner-burning locomotives in service, which can lower air pollution in the long term.

I urge my colleagues to support my bipartisan legislation to create jobs, support manufacturing, and enhance our national rail system.

A HEALTHY DOLLAR WILL PROMOTE A HEALTHY ECONOMY

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the Democrat Big Government agenda in Washington is destroying jobs.

Every dollar borrowed and spent by this Democrat majority, a total of \$1.4 trillion this year alone, threatens the value of our currency.

Among the negative consequences of a weak dollar is the increased costs to American families for goods and services, especially gas to run cars and businesses. CQ Weekly reports money going into commodities instead of the dollar drives up oil prices. Along with the majority's refusal to allow for the exploration of more American oil and natural gas, the decline of the value of the dollar leads to rising oil prices. This is painful to struggling families. It costs jobs and undercuts our economy.

We must restore fiscal sanity. We cannot borrow and spend our way to prosperity, a devastating truth with the lack of jobs created by the Democrats nearly \$1 trillion porkulus bill.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

THE HEALTH CARE BILL

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, one of the most bizarre assertions from some of our Republican friends from the other side of the aisle is that there is some massive health bill that's being cooked up in secret, that they are being denied knowledge, that they don't know what's going on.

Mr. Speaker, everybody on Capitol Hill who wants to know can find out